

PRESS RELEASE

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RE: UNITED STATES v. RICKY BLUE, TIMOTHY GIVENS, LEE BLUE and DEXTER CLAYTON

United States Attorney Michael A. Battle announced today the convictions of **RICKY BLUE, TIMOTHY GIVENS, LEE BLUE and DEXTER CLAYTON**, of Rochester, NY, on various drug and gun related charges after a 15 week jury trial.

Ricky Blue was convicted for engaging in a Continuing Criminal Enterprise and Conspiracy to Distribute cocaine and cocaine base, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 848 and 846, respectively, which carries a maximum penalty of life imprisonment, a fine of \$4,000,000.00, or both. Blue was also convicted on 4 counts of knowingly opening or maintaining a place for the purpose of manufacturing, distributing or using a controlled substance in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 856.

Timothy Givens was convicted of Conspiracy to Distribute cocaine and cocaine base, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 846 and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c). The conviction for the conspiracy count carries a minimum term of imprisonment of 10 years, a maximum of life, a fine of \$4,000,000.00, or both.

Dexter Clayton was convicted of Conspiracy to Distribute cocaine and cocaine base, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 846 and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c). The conviction for the conspiracy count carries a minimum term of imprisonment of 10 years, a

maximum of life, a fine of \$4,000,000.00, or both.

Lee Blue was convicted on a violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841, for distribution of crack cocaine on or about October 12, 2000. This charges carries a minimum term of imprisonment of 5 years, a maximum of 40 years, a fine of \$2,000,000.00, or both.

In addition to the convictions, the jury forfeited, as to Ricky Blue and Timothy Givens, their interest in \$2,000,000, as well as seven residential properties located in the city of Rochester.

Assistant U.S. Attorneys Douglas E. Gregory and Everardo R. Rodriguez, who handled the case, stated that the defendants conspired to sell cocaine and cocaine base in the city of Rochester from November of 1995 to October of 2000. The defendants also maintained several residential locations where drugs were sold from. It is believed that the defendants sold roughly 75 kilos of cocaine and cocaine base during that time frame.

The conviction was the culmination of an investigation on the part of the Rochester Police Department, under the direction of Police Chief Robert Duffy, the New York State Police, and the Internal Revenue Service, under the direction of Group Manager John Busse, and the Drug Enforcement Administration, under the direction of Resident Agent in Charge Randy Krahenbuhl.

Sentencing is scheduled for early February, 2003, in front of Hon. Charles J. Siragusa, United States District Court Judge.

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